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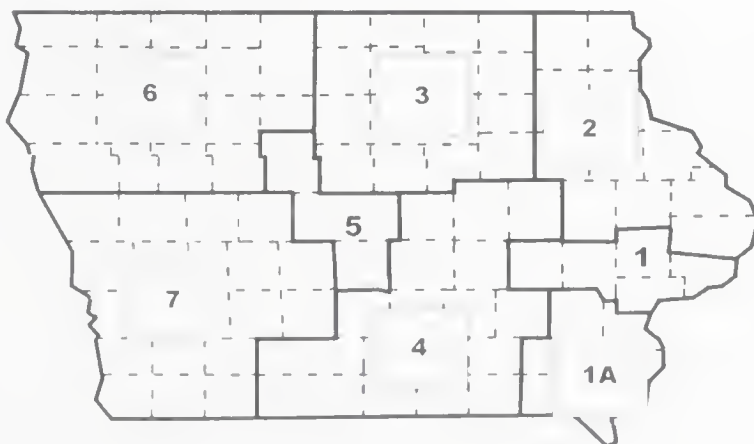
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From the Editor

Would you like to see news of your club's activities covered in *The Iowa Collector*? The editor welcomes news of club happenings in the *Iowa Numismatic Associations* region. Send any information on your upcoming coin show, election of new officers and other club news and articles, prepared by club members, to the Editor. Include any photographs with your article, to make your story more interesting.

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Presidents Message

Rusty Crawford



Fellow numismatist,

As the newly elected president of the Iowa Numismatic Association, I begin my term with both trepidation and excitement. The excitement comes from belonging to a really fine organization that has provide leadership and direction for our hobby in Iowa for many years. As an organization we are strong and provide individuals and the state with information and assistance concerning all aspects of our hobby.

The trepidation I have first, concerns attempting to provide leadership for an organization that has so many experts and competent leaders in our hobby. Please know that I will seek your advise and counsel. Secondly, I am concerned that the INA take an active role in the several areas of concern that are moving into the national spotlight for our hobby and, for many, their livelihood. First, we see national-international concerns regarding the importation of counterfeit materials. There is a new movement to greatly change the U.S. Commemorative Coin Program. There are concerns related to the continuing role of the "Coin Show" in the structure of the hobby. Finally, as an association and hobby we are aging. We do have several younger members of the INA who do provide a way to the future. That in no way should downplay the role our senior members are playing. However, which one of us wants to be Col. Sherman Potter (MASH) and toast to memories as the last member of our Association? It is important that we seek younger hobby enthusiasts and junior members to continue the hobby and adventures of the Iowa Numismatic Association.

Thank you for your support. Please do contact me with comments and concerns of all kinds. You may have elected me as president BUT we are all the Iowa Numismatic Association.

Rusty Crawford



From the Secretary's Desk



Beverly Ashton

Hello from Fort Dodge. This has really been a crazy year. Gold and Silver cannot decide on a steady price. But then I guess that could be said about the economy in general.

Well I was planning on getting busy with dues notices after the INA Show, but the INA's computer had other plans. I will have to work with paper records until I either get back the old laptop or when we get a new computer.

Gold spot, as I am writing this, is \$1,710 and silver is \$33.20. I'm not sure what the election had on this, but I do know that we've had more demand for gold and silver than what we have in stock.

Hope this finds everybody in good collecting spirits. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and that everybody has a Happy New Year.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary/Treasurer

INA BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

The INA officers hold three board meetings each year and one open membership meeting. These meetings are held in conjunction with a coin show. The annual board meeting is held during the INA's Annual Coin Show & Convention which is hosted by a different Coin Club each year. The INA's officers board meeting is held the evening of the first day of the INA coin show and the open membership meeting is conducted on the morning of the second day of the INA coin show.

Regular INA Board meetings:

February 23, 2013 at Coin-a-Rama, Nevada, Iowa

July 7, 2013 at Central Iowa Coin & Stamp Expo, Altoona, Iowa

October 19, 2013 at Annual INA Coin Show, Iowa City, Iowa

October 20, 2013 Open membership meeting, Iowa City, Iowa

President Chris Seuntjens called the meeting to order. The minutes were read. Denny Ross motioned they be accepted as read, Sam Ashton seconded and the minutes were approved. The Treasure's report was given with a balance of \$10,876.29 in the general fund and \$194.21 in the ICTA fund. Don McCulloch motioned it be accepted, Dean Parr seconded and the Treasure's report was approved.

Chris announced that Dean will be giving a presentation on the INA's website at the membership meeting Sunday morning. Dean won't take any money for his work on the website, he suggested that we needed to upgrade the Secretary/Treasurer's laptop.

After discussion about the problems Bev has been having with her computer Chris made a motion that Dean and Bev look into getting a new computer for up to \$700.00. Dave Stark seconded and the motion passed.

Tom Robertson asked about doing a medal for the 75th INA Show in 2013. Who is responsible for paying? Where is the INA's dies? How many should we order? The INA does pay for getting medals minted. Silvertowne should have the INA's die. Tom said that the place has been booked for the 2013 show in Iowa City. Denny was reinstated as the editor of The Iowa Collector.

The new member brochures need to be reprinted. We need to change the picture to our new president. We'll get some printed.

Tim Shuck is leaving his position as Historian. Brian Sparks, from the Fort Dodge area was brought up as a possibility. Brian attended the ANA Summer Seminar and has worked with the Young Americans for Liberty. Denny motioned we accept Brian as Historian, Tom seconded and it was passed.

Tom thanked Fort Dodge for the terrific show and displays. John Jackson went down the list of Life Members to see if any could be eliminated. The Board was able to help with quite a few. We were told that seminars attendance were as follows. Token club Meeting - 13, Seated Liberty Halves - 11, rise and Fall of Iowa Town Centennials - 13, World Paper Money - 6.

Chris thanked everyone for all their help while he was President. Denny motioned we adjourn, Sam Seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ashton

Secretary/Treasurer

Members present: Chris Seuntjens, Dean Parr, Rusty Crawford, Tom Robertson, Denny Ross, Don Wells, Tim Shuck, Dave Stark, Don McCulloch, John Jackson, Sam Ashton, Brian Sparks, Beverly Ashton.

Chris Seuntjens called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for all their hard work. Chris then presented a plaque to Dean Parr as a thank-you from the INA for all the hard work he has put into the INA's website. Chris then turned the reins over to Rusty Crawford our new President. Rusty presented Chris with a Past President's Plaque. Rusty said a new club has just started in Glenwood. They are still getting new members and have really been encouraging the youth.

Beverly read the minutes from the board meeting the evening before and they were approved.

Mitch Ernst of Central States talked a little about different programs they have and encouraged members to take advantage of them.

Sam Ashton presented certificates of appreciation and \$25.00 gift cards from Casey's to the seminar speakers. He then presented certificates to everyone who had displays at the show.

Election results were verified as only changes being, removing Ron Burns from Director-at-Large (as per Ron's request), leaving that position open.

Bev reported that there were a few write-in votes for Dale Dye as Director-at-Large. Dean said Dale was approached about this possibility at a recent club meeting and he said he would accept. Dale is a new Director-at-Large.

Dean Parr gave a presentation on our new website. Very informative Dean, thank you so much for making it understandable.

Denny Ross thanked Paul Heinen for all his hard work this past year as editor of The Collector.

We finalized the new membership contest with Chris Seuntjens being the member who signed up the most new members, thus winning a 1/10th oz Gold Eagle. Chris said the INA did not have to give him the gold piece and since we had not bought these yet we saved ourselves the price of one gold piece. David Chambers won the drawing for the new member winning a 1/10th oz Gold Eagle. Chris had signed him up as a new member so he offered to deliver it to him.

Sam motioned we adjourn Denny seconded and we adjourned.

Starting Balance	INA Regular	ICIA Fund
	12,256.83	194.05
Receipts		
Dues	304.00	
Interest	<u>1.86</u>	
	305.86	Interest 16
Expenses		
		<u>16</u>
Ottumwa Printing	1,051.76	
Postage - Returned	6.30	
Collectors	360.00	
Postage - Stamps	3.31	
Postage - Apps to dealer	40.53	
Wal-Mart - Env & labels	78.10	
Copies ballots	96.40	
Plaques & engraving	<u>50.00</u>	
Memorials (2)	1,686.40	
Current Balances	10,876.29	194.21
Checking	8,511.32	
Savings	2,324.97	
Cash	40.00	
	<u>10,876.29</u>	<u>194.21</u>

INA Bylaws

The Bylaws can be viewed on the INA website: <http://ina-anaclubs.org>
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- Tom Robertson (319) 351-2512 tdrobby@yahoo.com
Programs on - Seated Liberty series: ½ dime, dimes, quarters Half dollars & seated dollars. Barber series: dimes, quarters & half dollars. ½ cents, large cents, two cents, silver three cents & nickel three cents. Clubs & Organizations.
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- Denny Ross.....(641) 932-2731 sixty2one@windstream.net
Program on - Lincoln cents 1909 thru 1958.
- Dean Parr (319) 366-0552 drparr@mchsi.com
Programs on - Foreign coins & World paper money.
- Lee Roe(563) 852-3517 hilltopcoin@netins.net
Programs on - Buying and selling coin collections. Slabbing.
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Ames ----- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:00 PM Scott Nichols
(a (515) 232-9222

Burlington ----- Fourth Tuesday, No meeting in Dec., Burlington Public
Library, 210 Court St., 6:00 PM, Roger Armstrong (a (319) 850-7339

Cedar Rapids ----- Third Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Rockwell Main Plant
Cafeteria, 35th St. N. E., Bob Johnson (a (319) 573-6652

Clarion - Fourth Thursday, Pizza Ranch on Main St, 7:00 PM, Harry Peters
(a (641) 762-3735

Decorah ----- First Tuesday, V. F. W. Building basement, 104 State St 7:30
PM, Dave Sanderson (a (563) 568-2371

Dubuque ----- First Thursday, Bridge Restaurant, 31 Locust St, 7:00 PM
Neil Aitchison (a (563) 556-5254

Des Moines -- First Tuesday, St. Marks Episcopal Church, 3120 E 24th, 7:00
PM, Roscoe Simmons (a (515) 262-6008

Fort Dodge ----- Second Thursday, ICCC Career Education Building, 330
Ave M, 7:30 PM, Sam Ashton (a (515) 573-3033

Grinnell ----- Second Monday, Community Center (Senior Citizens Room)
7:30 PM, George Fowler (a (641) 236-3549

Hiawatha ----- Fourth Wednesday (except June & July), Hiawatha Library
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Iris City (Mt. Pleasant) ---- First Thursday, Breadeaux Pizza, 7:00 PM, Ken
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Keokuk ----- Third Thursday every month, Keokuk Public Library, 210
North 5th Street 7:00 PM, Tom Gardner (a (319) 524-7366

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Oskaloosa --- Second Thursday each month, 103 High Avenue, 7:30 PM
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Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Albia Road Baptist Church, 1601 Albia Road (Basement), 7:00 PM, Kerimint Uhde (641) 682-0525

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday (No meetings June, July, Aug), Clarion Motel, Muscatine, Hwy 61 & 38, 7 PM, Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave and 34th Street, 7:00 PM, Robert Hook (a) (309) 949-3707

Glenwood Coin Club - Second Thursday, Glenwood Coin Shop, 13 North Vine Street, Suite 2, 7:00 PM, Tom Flynn (712) 527-4312

Siouxland (Sioux City) - First Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 1915 Nebraska Street, 7:00 PM, John Jackson (a) (712) 274-9195

Storm Lake - Second Tuesday, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 119 West 6th Street, 7:00 PM, Russ Post (a) (712) 284-2110

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA, 7:30 PM Dr. James E. Ralls (a) (319) 283-4440

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Thank you for your sponsorship!

Chris Seuntjens

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2013 Coin Show Calendar

Feb 17 Tri-State Coin Show - Diamond Joe Casino, 301 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA (9-5) Richard Hillard (563) 557-7210

Feb 23-24 Coin-A-Rama - Gates Hall, 825 15th Street, Nevada, IA (9-5), (9-3) Scott Nichols (515) 232-9222

March 3 Port City Coin Show - Clarion Hotel, Jct. Highways 61 & 38 North, Muscatine, IA (9-4) Jim Burr (563) 262-9313

March 10 Cedar Rapids Coin Show - Elks Lodge, 801 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA (9-4) Bob Johnson (319) 573-6652

March 23-24 Fort Dodge Coin Show - Crossroads mall, 5th Ave. S & 25th St. Fort Dodge, IA (10-6), (10-4) Sam & Bev Ashton (515) 573-3033

April 7 Quad City Coin Show - Milan Community Center, Camden Park, U.S Route 67, Milan, IL (9-4) John Brixy (309) 788-8726 Wk days after 4:00pm

April 13 Clarion Spring Coin Show - Clarion High School, 1111 Willow Drive, Clarion, IA (9-4) Bill Soesbe (515) 532-2155

April 14 Burlington Coin Show - Pzazz Convention Center/Fun City Complex, Burlington, IA (9-5) Roger Armstrong (319) 850-7339

April 21 Burlington Club Auction -Pzazz Convention Center/Fun City Complex, Burlington, IA (1pm) Roger Armstrong (319) 850-7339

April 28 Waterloo Coin Show - Waterloo Recreation Center, West First & Commerce Streets, Waterloo, IA (9-4) Dennis Braeken (319) 231-8385 djb55m@mchsl.com

Coin-A-Rama

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Date and Year of Birth

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Proposer

I.N.A. or A.N.A. Number

For use of Secretary-Treasurer

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Date Received

From the Editors Desk

Denny Ross



I am back as the editor of The Iowa Collector. As most everyone knows I had planned to move to Washington state, but sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men don't always work out.

I want to thank Paul for his time and effort in editing The Collector in my absence.

You may notice some subtle differences in the formatting of this issue. On page two are included photos of the newly elected INA president as well as the first vice president, second vice president, the secretary/treasurer and the past INA president. The addition of these photos give the reader a more personal introduction to the leaders of the INA. It also adds to the professional appearance of our fine news journal. Other changes will not be so evident, but they were implemented to make it a little less complicated for the printer to format for their layout process. If you should notice the need for any corrections or changes that need to be made please let me know.

A lot of you may have noticed the numismatic markets have softened up in the past several months with key coin prices taking sizable drops in prices. This is good news for those who are needing to fill in those last few holes in their collections.

Since the completion of the national presidential election the prices for bullion metals have been making a steady increase in prices and predictions are that they may keep going up for the next several weeks.

The INA's newly elected president, Rusty Crawford, was officially introduced at the INA Convention breakfast in Fort Dodge, Iowa on the 28th of October. Also at the breakfast, webmaster Dean Parr presented a slide showing of the newly redesigned website. Be sure and go online and take a tour through the new site. Dean welcomes any ideas or suggestions for the new site.

I Look forward to seeing everyone at the Nevada Coin Show.

Denny



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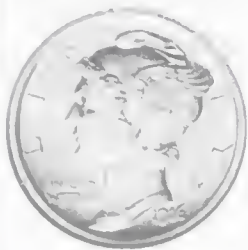
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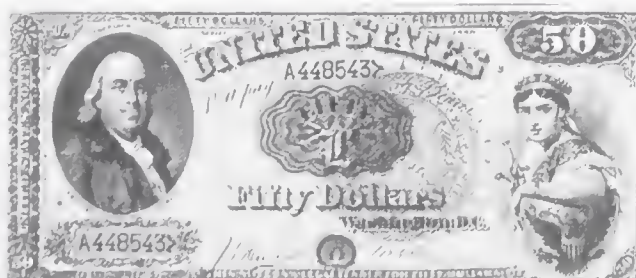
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Trivia Quiz

1. How many different designs have appeared on the reverse of the Lincoln cent?

A. 2

C. 5

B. 3

D. 7

2. In What year did the United States Mint strike the first quarter dollar?

A. 1800

C. 1796

B. 1804

D. 1792

Answers from last issue 1. D, 2. B

Answers to above inside back page

The purpose of the INA is to bring together those persons interested in the hobby of collecting coins. To encourage active participation in Numismatics. To encourage the principals of fair dealing. To study the history of the world through the art of coin, currency, and exonomia. To provide a forum for Iowa numismatists to share their interests and knowledge with prospective new collectors.



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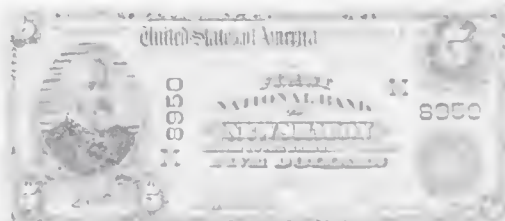
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74th INA Coin Show and Convention

By Denny Ross

The Iowa Numismatic Association presented its 74th annual coin show and convention at Iowa central Community College on October 27th and 28th, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Hosted by the Fort Dodge Coin Club, the show was very well organized and managed by show chair persons Sam and Beverly Ashton and members of the Fort Dodge Coin Club.

All areas of numismatics were well represented with over fifty tables of numismatic materials, manned by 30 dealers.

Several members of the Fort Dodge Coin Club set up numismatic displays for show attendees viewing. INA President Chris Seuntjens also displayed a 61 pound silver bar that was recovered from the Spanish ship-wreck Nuestra Sonara de Atocha that sank during a hurricane off the coast of the Florida Keys in 1622. Tom Robertson displayed coinage representing the Seated Liberty series of half dollars.

On the docket for Saturday were three seminars presented by INA members. Tom Robertson, who spoke on Seated Liberty half dollars, Robert Simon spoke, on The Rise and Decline of Iowa Town Centennial Medals and Dean Parr gave a talk on World Paper Money.

The Sunday morning membership breakfast was attended by about 30 INA members. Out going INA President Chris Seuntjens presented a plaque of appreciation to Dean Parr for his untiring work and efforts to create the new and updated INA web-site. Dean presented an in-depth presentation of the new web-site, explaining the ease of searching the site for any INA information someone might be looking for.

Chris introduced the newly elected INA president, Rusty Crawford, and Rusty formally opened the meeting. His first order of business was to present out-going President, Chris Seuntjens a Presidents plaque of appreciation for Chris's two year tenure as 2011 & 2012 INA president. Sam Ashton presented certificates of appreciation to the following members who set-up their displays for the show. Michael Scacci, Pete Fritz, Tim Shuck, Marlin Stiawalt, Damon Davis, Dave Hanson and Chris Seuntjens.

Attendance at the show was fairly light for both Saturday and Sunday, but most dealers reported they were satisfied with both days of business.

Next year is the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Iowa Numismatic Association and the 2013 coin show and convention will be held in Iowa City, the founding location of the INA.

The show date is October 19th and 20th, 2013. See the flyer inside the front cover of this issue of The Collector for further information.



Chris Senntjens presents web master Dean Parr with an award of appreciation for Deans work and efforts creating the new INA web-site.



Newly elected INA President, Rusty Crawford presents Chris Senntjens with an award of appreciation



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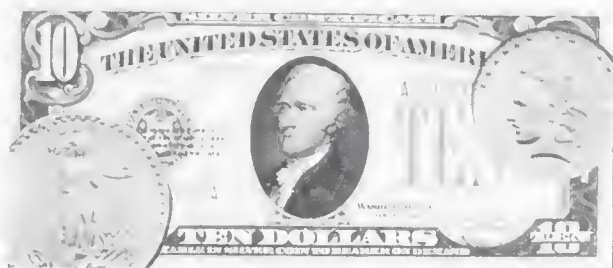
With Tim Shuck resigning as the current INA Historian the INA was pleased to learn that Brian Sparks was willing to step in and take over where Tim Left off.

Brian was born and raised in Carroll, Iowa and currently lives with Ana, his wife of two years, in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

He attended school at Metro Community College of Omaha, Nebraska and received his Associates of Science degree while there. Brian went on to Northwest Missouri State to work on his Bachelors degree which he is currently working on. This last summer he attended a summer seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado with the American Numismatic Association. One of Brian's ambitions is to start up a private mint, based in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Because of his interest in minting he took the Modern Minting class at the summer seminar. He plans to attend the 2013 summer seminar as well, if his funds allow for it. His goal there is to receive the Numismatic Scholarly Diploma, which takes about two years to complete, and to become more knowledgeable on his favorite hobby.

Brian believes it was at the early age of eight years old that his interest in numismatics was sparked when his Grandfather Walker showed him some coins which included a bright shiny 1943 Steel Cent. Instantly a bunch of questions rushed to his mind about the coin. Brian's Grandfather went on to explain to him the history behind the coin. It was then that Brian realized that every coin is different and had a story to be told, but it wouldn't be until ten years later that he would start putting sets of coins together.

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Study on a Shipwreck Silver Bar recovered from Nuestra Senora de Atocha

A research by Angi Garcia

The tragic loss of the Atocha and her rediscovery

Nuestra Senora de Atocha was without question one of the most valuable treasure wrecks ever found. The story of her tragic loss in 1622 is matched by the tragedy and contention that surrounded her rediscovery three centuries later. The Atocha was barely two years old when on September 5th, 1622, a strong hurricane wrecked her and five other ships of the 1622 flota along the Florida Keys. Close to her sank the Santa Margarita. Both ships had been built expressly as convoy escorts for the Spanish treasure fleets. Reportedly built of sub-standard materials, on her first voyage the Atocha had sprung her mainmast and leaked badly. Arriving at Portobello, Panama, in the summer of 1622, the repaired Atocha was designated the Almiranta, or second in command, of the treasure fleet returning to Spain. She embarked silver and gold shipped from the mines of Bolivia and Colombia, together with 48 passengers returning to Spain. Departing Panama on July 22, 1622, the treasure fleet called first at Cartagena and the north for Havana, arriving in Cuba on August 22.

According her official manifest, Atocha carried 35 tons of silver (as 901 ingots and 255,000 coins) plus 161 pieces of gold—a cargo valued at one million pesos. Much smuggled treasure was also on board. Despite the threat of hurricanes at that time of year, the twenty-eight-ship fleet sailed six weeks later than planned, on September 4. The next morning, a hurricane hit and the ships were driven north towards the Florida Keys. Twenty-one of the ships passed to the west of the low-lying islands, but Atocha, Santa Margarita, and four other ships did not.

Early in the morning of September 6, Atocha was dashed on a reef off Key West and sank in 55 feet of water. Only her mizzen mast remained visible. Five survivors from the ships complement of 260 were rescued by the merchantman Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz returned to Havana, and officials immediately prepared to recover what they could from the wreck. Divers quickly located the wreck of the Atocha, but discovered that her hatches were still fastened and could not be forced without explosives. Before they could return, the mizzen mast snapped off in another storm, and the ships' location was lost.

Fast-forward nearly 350 years, and in 1970 a treasure hunter named Mel Fisher formed a company called Treasure Salvors to look for the Atocha. The ship's first artifacts came up in 1971. Over the next four years the company recovered about \$6 million worth of gold and silver bullion and coins, as well as a large number of artifacts including rapiers, muskets,

and small arms, storage jars, and more. But clearly the ship itself, and its “Motherlode”, had not been found. On July 13, 1975, Dirk Fisher, Mel’s son located five of the ship’s bronze guns lying in 39 feet of water. A week later diving was suspended when Dirk, his wife and another member of the crew drowned after their dive boat capsized at the site. Mel grieved but did not abandon his search. The next five years revealed little new material from the Atocha, although in 1980 Treasure Salvors divers located the nearby remains of the Santa Margarita, which they salvaged for two years. The search for Atocha struggled on until July 20, 1985, when the Salvors found the hull of the ship, piles of silver ingots, and chests of silver.

The “Motherlode” at last.

The Atocha Silver Bar:

Over 900 silver bars appear on the Atocha’s manifest. The majority were the property of individuals. Many of the bars were mined and processed in upper Peru (ta Potosi or Oruro). Each ingot was formed by pouring more than 80 pounds of silver into a casting mold. As soon as the ingot cooled, it was struck with serial numbers, the same one that would be listed on the ship’s manifest. The assayer would next remove his “bite” to test the purity of the silver. The purity of the bar, typically more than 99%, was then stamped on the bar with a levy fineness number. Each bar cast for an individual was subject to 20% royal tax. Several tax seals or “quintos” were struck into the bar indicating that the tax had been paid. Finally, monograms and other siglas were added, indicating the owner or shipper of the bar. As the bar progressed on its journey to Spain, other marks were sometimes added by ship-masters and other officials. The full meaning of all these in-transit markings is not yet known.

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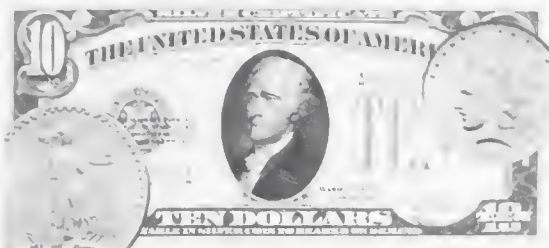
Harold Leo Tucker **October 3, 1935 - August 27, 2012**

Harold was born on the family farm near West Branch, Iowa. He was a graduate of West Branch High School in 1953 and attended Iowa State University and Ruppert Auctioneering School. In June of 1959 he was united in marriage to Donna Petrusch in Marion, Iowa. He farmed his whole life and operated Tucker Trucking for many years.

Harold was a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, and the Iowa City and Tipton Moose Lodge. Harold was also an avid coin collector and was a member of the Iowa City Coin Club and a 10 year member of the Iowa Numismatic Association. He enjoyed tinkering in his shop, fishing, reading western books and watching western movies, playing cards, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family and attending his kids and grandchildren's activities. He loved the Iowa Hawkeyes, his beloved dog Buster and cat Oscar. Harold will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

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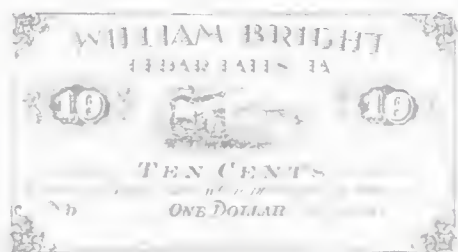
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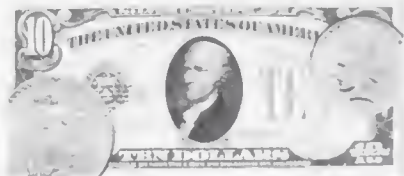
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Born in Fort Dodge, Robert attended school at Corpus Christi. He then attended and graduated from Regis University in Denver, CO with a degree in economics. After 44 years in the insurance business Robert retired in 1988. From 1941 to 1946 he served during WW II in the United States Navy. In October 1943 Robert was united in marriage to Virginia Vittur in Cambridge, MA. In 1946 the couple established their home in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Robert served the Fort Dodge community in several different local organization as well as being a life member of the Iowa Numismatic Association. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and the numismatic community.



Jeffery J. Judson

June 17, 1950 - August 13, 2012

Jeffery James Judson, the son of James Jr. And Bonnie (Larsson) Judson, was born in Belmond. Jeffery grew up in the state of Iowa, mostly in the Clarion area and graduated from Clarion High School.

Jeff joined the Army after high school and served in Vietnam and overseas. He was discharged in 1971 and returned to Iowa to manage a flower shop and greenhouse in Dows, Iowa, for his parents. In 1975 Jeff was united in marriage to Denise Gardner and the couple was blessed with two children. He was an avid coin collector, and a member of the Iowa Numismatic Association and President of the Clarion Coin Club. Jeff was great at gardening and loved spending time with his family. Jeffery will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.



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